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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hirotake WATANABE**

Group Art Unit: **2182**

Serial No.: **09/824,005**

Examiner: **Eron J. Sorrell**

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Confirmation Number: **6459**

For: **NETWORK DEVICE MANAGEMENT METHOD, SYSTEM AND
MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT THEREOF**

Attorney Docket Number: **010368**

Customer Number: **38834**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action of December 5, 2005. The period for response thereto is extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.